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Staff meeting.

I talked to David Nes about the speech [redacted] I am taking over for the Secretary at the War College next Monday, under the title of "The United States in International Affairs".

At the request of Eugene Black and Allen Dulles, Max Thornburg came to see me this morning. He has been active in the oil business for many years, has served as a consultant for the [redacted] Iranian Government and, I believe, for other Governments as well, and is a resident of the Island of Bahrein. He is an accomplished man, and an interesting talker. He said [redacted] he regarded the dispute over the Anglo-Iranian concession as minor in comparison with the general turmoil and difficulties in the Near East. He thought [redacted] in most of the Arab countries there were certain common characteristics at this time in regard to, or influencing, their national conduct. One was a strong anti-western feeling, and a revolt against what they considered foreign exploitation. Second, was a growing discontent against their own inefficient and corrupt governments, which increased domestic and political instability. Third, was the sense of grievance springing from the abnormally low, though traditional, standard of living of the majority of the populations in these countries.

He has promised to give me [redacted] memoranda as to his impression of what American policy should be in this part of the world.

Woody Wallner came to lunch with me. He has been on home leave, and is shortly returning to Paris, where Monica and the children have preceded him.

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The President called me tonight and said ~~March~~ if there were any reply from the Prime Minister to his message he would like to be informed of it up until midnight. [redacted]

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